

Conservation Security Program Enhancement Job Sheets

Wildlife Enhancement Job Sheets

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Delayed Forage Harvest/Grazing Enhancement

Definition

Time haying and/or livestock grazing to avoid period (5/1 to 7/1) when wildlife are nesting, fawning, etc and to allow for the establishment of residual cover for wildlife.

Purpose

Secure nesting cover is often limited to where crop and hay production is the primary land use. Delaying the mechanical harvest of tame hayland until July 1 provides undisturbed wildlife escape, roosting, nesting, or winter cover and food. Undisturbed grass/forb cover blocks provide nesting cover while haying and crop management activities are occurring on adjacent fields. Herbaceous cover plots also provide roosting and thermal cover allowing a variety of wildlife species to access cropland food supplies during winter. Pollinator insects also benefit from undisturbed cover.

Where Used

Can be used for entire or portions of tame hayland fields. A minimum width of 100' will be applied

Documentation Required

Year	Field/Tract Number	Acres	Acres of Delayed Harvest	Target Wildlife Species

Payment Rate

Payment per acre of mechanical forage harvest delayed until July 1.

Signature _____ **Date** _____